

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE



OFFICIAL WARNING
VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

CASE NUMBER:

MS11001-AC

VIOLATOR:

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about the date(s) listed below, you or your organization committed the following violation(s) of Federal Regulations:

Date of Violation: May 28, 2010

15 U.S.C. § 1824(2)(D) Unlawful acts (allowing any activity described in clause (A) or (B)).

You allowed entry of a sore horse for the purpose of showing or exhibiting at the 40th Annual Spring Fun Show in Shelbyville, TN.

During a post-show inspection, the USDA inspector observed “Strolling Thru the Ritz” had blood on the lateral aspect of the posterior pastern and cords of non-uniformly thickened epithelial tissue on the medial aspect of the posterior pastern on the left and a cord of non –uniformly thickened epithelial tissue on the medial aspect of the posterior pastern and a small cord coming out of the pocket on the lateral aspect of the posterior pastern on the right.

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9 C.F.R. § 11.3 Scar rule.

You allowed entry of a sore horse in the 40th Annual Spring Fun Show. During a post-show inspection, USDA inspector observed that “Strolling Thru the Ritz” exhibited bi-lateral non-uniformly thickened epithelial tissue on the medial aspects of the posterior pasterns, and a small cord coming out of the pocket on the lateral aspect of the posterior pastern on the right. These observations are indicative of scarring.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) created federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the violation(s) described above. Any further violation of these federal regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

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